

28. (New) The sterilizer/disinfector of claim 26, wherein the lockout mechanism is adapted to prevent light from being output from the ultraviolet flash light source unless completion of the light seal to a certain degree has been detected.

29. (New) An object to be sterilized or disinfected by an ultraviolet sterilization/disinfection device, comprising:

material responsive to ultraviolet light to indicate successful sterilization or disinfection of the object through exposure to ultraviolet light.

30. (New) The object of claim 29, wherein the material changes color in response to ultraviolet light.

31. (New) The object of claim 29, wherein the material is disposed on the surface of the object.

32. (New) The object of claim 29, wherein the material is formed within at least a portion of the object.

33. (New) The object of claim 29, wherein the object is formed of plastic, and wherein the material is included within the plastic.

34. (New) The object of claims 29 or 30, wherein the object is a stethoscope.

35. (New) The object of claims 29 or 30, wherein the object is a thermometer.

36. (New) The object of claims 29 or 30, wherein the object is a drinking glass.

37. (New) The object of claims 29 or 30, wherein the object is a pulse oximeter.

38. (New) The object of claims 29 or 30, wherein the object is a toothbrush.

39. (New) The object of claims 29 or 30, wherein the object is an otoscope.

40. (New) The object of claims 29 or 30, wherein the object is a blood pressure meter.

41. (New) The object of claims 29 or 30, wherein the object is a dental pick.

42. (New) The object of claims 29 or 30, wherein the object is a dental tool.

43. (New) The object of claims 29 or 30, wherein the object is a hygenic tool.

44. (New) The object of claims 29 or 30, wherein the object is a medical tool.

45. (New) An apparatus, comprising:
an ultraviolet light sterilization/disinfection device; and
an object to be sterilized or disinfected by the sterilization/disinfection device;
wherein the object includes material responsive to ultraviolet light to indicate exposure of
the object to ultraviolet light.

46. (New) The apparatus of claim 45, wherein the object includes material responsive to
ultraviolet light to indicate a degree of exposure of the object to ultraviolet light.

47. (New) The apparatus of claim 45, wherein the object includes material responsive to
ultraviolet light to indicate successful sterilization or disinfection of the object using
ultraviolet light.

REMARKS

Claims 1-25 were previously pending in this application. New claims 26-47 have been added. As a result claims 1-47 are pending for examination with claims 1, 6, 11, 13, 18, 19, 23, 25, 26, 29 and 45 being independent claims. No new matter has been added.